generally speaking, produce an uneconomic situation. The excessive sub-division of land results in a general diminution of the crop-outturn".

The object of this Bill is to remedy these evils in so far as it is possible to do so. The Bill is adapted from Bill No. XVI of 1927 of the Bombay Legislative Council."

Motion put and agreed to.

Amendments to Standing Orders.

President.—Next, Amendments to Standing Orders. Mr. K. T. Mathew is absent.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—There was a committee appointed by the Government to revise the Standing Orders, and a promise was made to place the report before the Council. I would like to know at what stage it stands now.

President.—It is under the consideration of the Government, and we have reached the last stage.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will it be published and introduced in the next Council? On account of this we could not send further amendments.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We shall try our best.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—The difficulty is that it stands in our way of introducing further amendments.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Thinking that our amendments will find a place in the proposed amendments, we are not introducing amendments.

President.—I may say that we are at the last stage, but I cannot say exactly when it will be over. An endeavour will be made to introduce them at the next meeting. The Secretary will please make a note of this.

The following amendments to Standing Orders were considered withdrawn as Mr. K. T. Mathew was absent :—

Mr. K. T. Mathew. —(1) To substitute the words 'fifteen clear days' for the words 'seven days' in Standing Order No. 37 (1) (i).

(2) To omit the words 'the Secretary to the Council (when they are Members of the Council)' and insert there '(when he is a Member of the Council)' in Standing Order No. 66.

(3) To substitute the words 'the President' for the word 'Government' standing between the words 'in such manner as' and 'may determine' in Standing Order No. 66.

(4) To substitute the words 'answered in the list of questions for the ensuing meeting' for the words 'entered in the list of questions for the day,' standing between the words 'shall be' and 'shall be called' in Standing Order No. 11.

Resolutions on Matters of General Public Interest.

4. Prohibition—(*contd.*)

President.—I think, Mr. Salem, you can go on with your speech in connection with the resolution.

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